

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Members of the House Budget Committee and  
Members of the Missouri House of Representatives

**FROM:** Pam Fichter, President  
Gerard Nieters, Legislative Director

**DATE:** February 7, 2012

**RE:** HB 2014 Supplemental Budget and MOSIRA

Missouri Right to Life maintains opposition to state funding of MOSIRA without the pro-life protective language of 196.1127. This language provides the scientific definitions of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research and prevents tax dollars from funding this life-destroying research.

While those in support of MOSIRA said that public tax dollars would not be used for its funding, this supplemental budget funds MOSIRA with \$1,000,000 of public tax dollars without restrictions.

The language of statute 196.1127 only applies to the Life Sciences Research Trust Fund. 196.1127 has never been ruled unconstitutional even when the issue was before a Cole County Judge. As a matter of fact, Judge Callahan affirmed that legislators have the right to designate or restrict funds in appropriation bills.

Missouri Right to Life is asking this legislature to be consistent in placing in appropriations, as they stated they would during special session, the protections of 196.1127 on any MOSIRA funding. This shows clear intent of pro-life legislators' voices in the appropriation process.

Without the protective language of 196.1127 Missouri Right to Life opposes HB 2014.